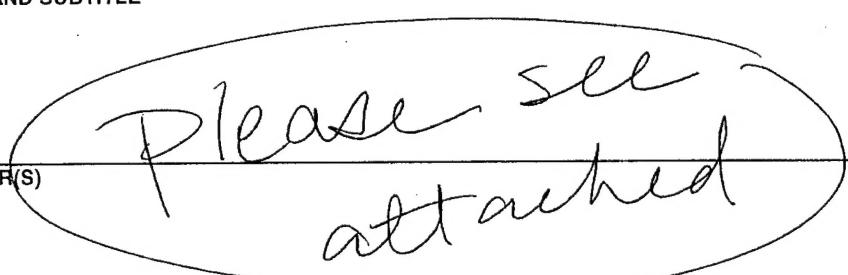


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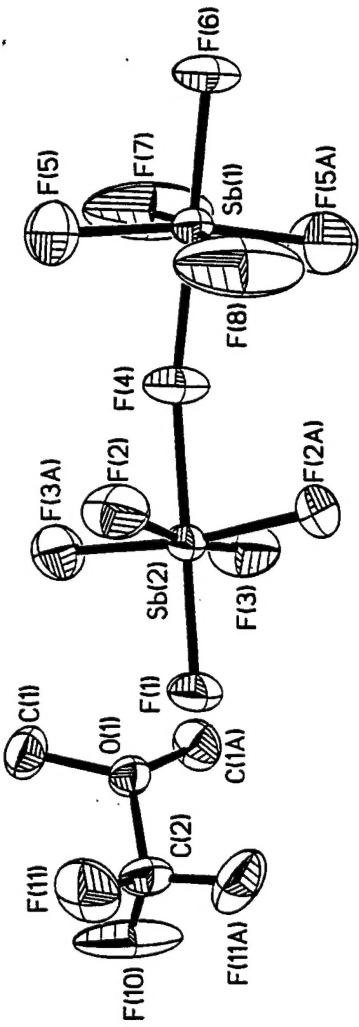
## SYNOPSIS

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The first examples of perfluoroalkyl substituted trialkyl-oxonium salts have been prepared in superacidic solutions and characterized by x-ray diffraction, NMR and vibrational spectroscopy and theoretical calculations. Substitution of an alkyl group by a bulkier and more electronegative perfluoroalkyl group results in an increase of the  $\text{O}-\text{CH}_3$  bond length by 7(1)pm and of the sum of the C-O-C bond angles by about 4.5°.



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**Abstract**

In the superacidic HF/SbF<sub>5</sub> system, methyl-trifluoromethylether forms at -78 °C the new tertiary oxonium salt,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{OCF}_3^+\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{11}^-$ , that was characterized by Raman and multinuclear NMR spectroscopy and its crystal structure. The same oxonium salt was also obtained by methylation of CH<sub>3</sub>OCF<sub>3</sub> with CH<sub>3</sub>F and SbF<sub>5</sub> in HF solution at -30 to -10 °C. Replacement of one methyl group in the trimethyloxonium cation by the bulkier and more electronegative trifluoromethyl group increases the remaining O-CH<sub>3</sub> bond lengths by 3.7(1) pm and the sum of the C-O-C bond angles by about 4.5°. Methylation of CH<sub>3</sub>OCF(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> with CH<sub>3</sub>F and SbF<sub>5</sub> in HF solution at -30 °C in HF solution produces  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{OCF}(\text{CF}_3)_2^+\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{11}^-$ . The observed structures and vibrational and NMR spectra are confirmed by theoretical studies at the B3LYP/6-311++G(2d,2p) and the MP2/6-311++G(2d,p) levels.

## Introduction

Trialkyloxonium compounds were extensively investigated by Meerwein and are widely used as alkylating reagents.<sup>1</sup> Their reactivity can be further increased by using superacidic solutions.<sup>2,3</sup> Although the structures of trialkyloxonium ions are of great interest, only the crystal structures of  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{O}^+\text{BF}_4^-$ ,<sup>4</sup>  $(\text{Et})_3\text{O}^+\text{BF}_4^-$  and  $(\text{Ph})_3\text{O}^+\text{B}(\text{Ph})_4^-$ <sup>5</sup> are known. The structures of the  $\text{OC}_3$  skeletons of these cations differ due to steric and electronic effects. Thus, C-O-C angles of 112-113° were observed for  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{O}^+$ , whereas for  $(\text{Ph})_3\text{O}^+$  a nearly planar arrangement with C-O-C angles of 120.1, 121.5 and 115.5° was found.

Since  $\text{CF}_3$  groups require more space than methyl groups, a stepwise substitution of the methyl groups in  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{O}^+$  by  $\text{CF}_3$  groups should also lead to a more planar arrangement of the  $\text{OC}_3$  skeleton. This principle was nicely demonstrated by Buerger and Oberhammer for the isoelectronic trimethylamines.<sup>6</sup> Using electron diffraction, they found that the C-N-C angle changes from a pyramidal 108.7° in trimethylamine,<sup>7-10</sup> to a nearly planar 117.9° in  $\text{N}(\text{CF}_3)_3$ . It was therefore interesting to attempt the synthesis of the previously unknown<sup>11</sup> perfluoroalkyl substituted tertiary oxonium ions and to study the influence of perfluoroalkyl substitution on the structure of these ions.

## Experimental Section

All reactions were carried out using either KEL-F or Teflon-FEP reactors and stainless steel vacuum lines.<sup>12</sup> HF was dried either by treatment with fluorine or by storage over  $\text{BiF}_5$ .<sup>13</sup> Nonvolatile compounds were handled either in the dry  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere of a glove box or by using standard Schlenk techniques.  $\text{CH}_3\text{OCF}_3$  was prepared by a literature method.<sup>14</sup>

Raman spectra were recorded either on a ISA T64000 spectrometer using an Ar<sup>+</sup> laser (Spectra Physics, 514.5 nm) and a CCD detector (EEV CCD15-11) or on a Bruker Equinox 55 with an FRA 106/S Raman attachment using a Nd/Yag laser (Coherent, 939.4 nm). The NMR spectra in HF solution were recorded either at -65 °C with a Bruker DPX 300 spectrometer or at -30 to -10 °C with a Bruker AM 360 using heat-sealed 3 mm i. d. Teflon-FEP tube liners (Wilmad Glass Co.). Single crystals were placed in Lindemann glass capillaries in a cold stream of dry nitrogen, and an X-ray diffraction study was carried out using a Nicolet R3m/V diffractometer.

**Preparation of (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>OCF<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>Sb<sub>2</sub>F<sub>11</sub><sup>-</sup>.** *Method A:* In a 50 mL KEL-F reactor, SbF<sub>5</sub> (2 mmol) was dissolved in 2 g of anhydrous HF. The solution was frozen at -196 °C and CH<sub>3</sub>OCF<sub>3</sub> (2 mmol) was condensed into the reactor. The mixture was warmed to -78 °C and kept at this temperature for 2 h. Volatile materials were removed under a dynamic vacuum at -78 °C. In the colorless solid residue, crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction studies were found.

In a 8 mm quartz tube, SbF<sub>5</sub> (1 mmol) was dissolved in 1 g of anhydrous HF. The solution was frozen at -196 °C and CH<sub>3</sub>OCF<sub>3</sub> (1 mmol) was condensed into the tube. The resulting solution was analyzed at -65 °C by <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectroscopy.

*Method B:* In a 65 mL Teflon-FEP reactor, containing a Teflon coated magnetic stirring bar, SbF<sub>5</sub> (3.5 mmol) was dissolved in 5 mL anhydrous HF, and CH<sub>3</sub>F (10 mmol) was added at -196 °C. The mixture was homogenized at -78 °C, and CH<sub>3</sub>OCF<sub>3</sub> (1.75 mmol) was added at -196 °C. The resulting mixture was stirred at -78 °C for 2 h and then all volatile material was pumped off at this temperature. The remaining colorless solid (1.00 g, weight calcd for 1.75 mmol of (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>OCF<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>Sb<sub>2</sub>F<sub>11</sub><sup>-</sup> = .993 g) was identified by vibrational and multinuclear NMR spectroscopy as (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>OCF<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>Sb<sub>2</sub>F<sub>11</sub><sup>-</sup>.

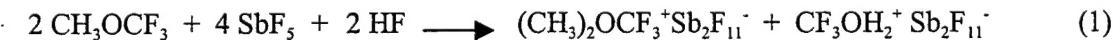
**Preparation of  $(CH_3)_2OCF(CF_3)_2^+Sb_2F_{11}^-$ .** Following the procedure of Method B, described above for  $(CH_3)_2OCF_3^+Sb_2F_{11}^-$ , the title compound was prepared by methylation of  $CH_3OCF(CF_3)_2$  and was characterized by multinuclear NMR spectroscopy.

### Theoretical Calculations

Ab initio calculations were carried out for  $(CH_3)_2OCF_3^+$ ,  $CH_3OCF_3$ ,  $(CH_3)_3O^+$ , and  $CH_3OCH_3$  using the B3LYP density functional method<sup>16</sup> and the 6-311++G(2d,2p)<sup>17</sup> basis set on IBM RS/6000 work stations. Optimized geometries and isotropic NMR shieldings were calculated using the GIAO-MBPT(2) approach<sup>18</sup> which employs the gauge-including atomic orbital (GIAO) solution to the gauge-invariance problem.<sup>19</sup> Chemical shifts were obtained by referring these shieldings to those of the standard reference compounds tetramethylsilane and fluorotrichloromethane, which were computed at the same level of theory.

### Results and Discussion

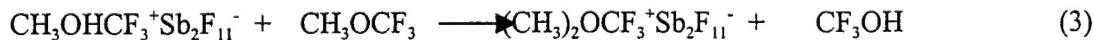
**Formation and Stability of  $(CH_3)_2OCF_3^+Sb_2F_{11}^-$ .**  $CH_3OCF_3$  reacts with  $SbF_5$  in HF solution at -78 °C to give  $(CH_3)_2OCF_3^+Sb_2F_{11}^-$  as a crystalline and highly hydrolyzable solid in quantitative yield (1).

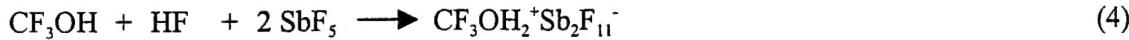


The use of  $AsF_5$  as a Lewis acid does not give a stable product. The reaction mechanism for (1) was established<sup>20</sup> by multinuclear NMR spectroscopy. It involves the initial protonation of  $CH_3OCF_3$  (2).



The resulting  $CH_3OHCF_3^+$  cation then acts as a methylating agent to methylate a second  $CH_3OCF_3$  molecule with formation of  $CF_3OH$  (3) that is subsequently protonated to the  $CF_3OH_2^+$  cation (4).





The  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{OCF}_3^+\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{11}^-$  salt can be stored without decomposition at  $-70^\circ\text{C}$  for several weeks. When thermally decomposed at  $-40^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{F}_2\text{CO}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}$  and  $\text{SbF}_5$  are formed (5).



The  $\text{F}_2\text{CO}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{F}$  products were identified in the gas phase by their IR spectra.

**Crystal Structure of  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{OCF}_3^+\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{11}^-$ .** The crystal data for  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{OCF}_3^+\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{11}^-$  are summarized in Table 1. Intensity data (MoK $\alpha$  radiation,  $\omega$ -2 $\theta$  scans,  $-125^\circ\text{C}$ ) were converted to structure factor amplitudes and their esds by corrections for background scan speed, crystal decay, Lorentz and polarization effects. Experimental absorption corrections were applied to the data (psi scans). The structure was solved by direct methods and refined by standard least squares and Fourier techniques. The positions of all non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic thermal parameters. The H atoms were placed at the calculated sites. Selected bond lengths and angles are summarized in Table 2 and are compared to the values calculated at the B3LYP/6-311++G(2d,2p) level for the free gaseous cation.

The cations and anions of  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{OCF}_3^+\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{11}^-$  are placed on mirror planes and possess the characteristic symmetry  $C_s$ . Associated ion pairs are formed by weak O(1)--F(1) contacts ( $r_{\text{O}(1)\text{F}(1)}=2.998 \text{ \AA}$ ), extending the coordination of the oxygen atom from trigonal pyramidal to a distorted tetrahedron (Figures 1 and 2). The displacement ellipsoids indicate a rotational disorder that mainly involves the atoms F(5), F(7), F(8) and F(10) which are placed the farthest from the center of

gravity of the ion pairs. A refinement in the monoclinic space group Cc instead of Cmc<sub>2</sub><sub>1</sub> or as an inversion twin crystal lead to the same structural results.

In accord with the space requirement of a CF<sub>3</sub>-group being larger than that of a methyl group, the C<sub>H</sub>-O-C<sub>F</sub> angle of 115.6(4) ° in (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>OCF<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> is significantly larger and the C<sub>H</sub>-O-C<sub>H</sub> angle of 112.6(7) ° is smaller than that of 113.1(7) ° observed for (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>BF<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>.<sup>4</sup> Whereas in the first row element species (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup> and (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>N the replacement of hydrogens by fluorines significantly increases the C-X-C angles,<sup>4,6</sup> no pronounced effect was observed for the higher row compounds (CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>P and (CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>As due to decreased steric crowding.<sup>21-24</sup> Obviously the repulsive effects of the fluorine lone pairs are more pronounced when combined with small central atoms such as nitrogen or oxygen.

Fluorine substitution in the trimethyloxonium ion also causes a shortening of the O-C<sub>F</sub> and a lengthening of the O-C<sub>H</sub> bonds by Δr = 0.03(1) Å, relative to the O-C<sub>H</sub> bond of 1.477(7) Å in O(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>.<sup>4</sup> This change is comparable to that of 0.032(6) Å observed for the N-C bonds in (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>N and (CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>N.<sup>6</sup> The increased O-C<sub>H</sub> bond length in (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>OCF<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> indicates that the latter should be a stronger alkylating agent than O(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>. In the strongest previously known methylating agent, the methoxythionyl, OSOCH<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>, cation,<sup>25</sup> the C-O bond length of 1.49(2) Å is similar to the value of 1.508(6) Å found for (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>OCF<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup>Sb<sub>2</sub>F<sub>11</sub><sup>-</sup>. Since CH<sub>3</sub>OHCF<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> was shown in our study to readily methylate CH<sub>3</sub>OCF<sub>3</sub> to (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>OCF<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> (3), the CH<sub>3</sub>OHCF<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> cation should be an even stronger methylating agent, although not as powerful as the CH<sub>3</sub>F/SbF<sub>5</sub> system itself from which it was formed. Extrapolation of the observed trends suggests that the methylating power of these methyl oxonium cations could be further increased by the substitution of a second methyl by a trifluoromethyl group.

A comparison of the observed and calculated bond lengths in (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>OCF<sub>3</sub><sup>+</sup> (see Table 2) shows fair agreement. As expected, the density functional calculations slightly overestimate the bond lengths. Again, there is a pronounced difference in the lengths of the C<sub>H</sub>-O and C<sub>F</sub>-O bonds, and the

$C_F-O-C_H$  bond angle is larger than the  $C_H-O-C_H$  bond angle, although the calculated differences are somewhat smaller than the observed ones. Although the methyl-hydrogen atoms were not directly located by the crystal structure determination, their calculated positions are in good agreement with those predicted by the theoretical calculations for the minimum energy structure of the free gaseous ion (see Figure 3). As can be seen, the fluorine atoms are perfectly eclipsed with the methyl-hydrogen atoms, indicating a positive interaction between them.

The geometry observed for the  $Sb_2F_{11}^-$  anion in  $(CH_3)_2OCF_3^+Sb_2F_{11}^-$  is similar to those observed for this anion in other salts. The two  $SbF_6^-$  octahedra are linked by a common corner with an  $Sb(1)F(4)Sb(2)$  angle of  $150.7(5)^\circ$  and are eclipsed with respect to each other.<sup>26-30</sup>

**Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectra.** The experimentally observed and calculated  $^1H$ ,  $^{13}C$ , and  $^{19}F$  NMR spectra of  $(CH_3)_2OCF_3^+$ ,  $(CH_3)_2OCF(CF_3)_2^+$ , and  $(CH_3)_3O^+$  and of their parent ethers are summarized in Table 3 and confirm the identity of the new cations. As was previously pointed out,<sup>11</sup> the methylation of an ether results in a pronounced deshielding of the  $\alpha$ -methyl protons by about one ppm and of the  $\alpha$ -methyl carbons by about 15 to 30 ppm. However, the shielding effect of the  $CH_3^+$  on the perfluorinated  $\alpha$ -carbons is small and its direction is hard to predict. Similarly, the fluorine atoms of a perfluorinated  $\alpha$ -methyl group are little influenced by the methylation, but the single example of a  $\alpha$ -CF group in our study exhibits a significant deshielding of about 16 ppm. A second parameter that permits to distinguish the parent ether from its methylated oxonium salt is the  $^1J^{13}C^{19}F$  coupling constant of the  $\alpha$ -CF<sub>n</sub> group. In the ether it has a value of about 250 Hz, whereas in the oxonium salt it ranges from about 280 to 290 Hz.

The observed NMR shifts of these compounds were confirmed by theoretical calculations at the MP2/6-311++G(2d,p) level. As can be seen from Table 3, the agreement between the observed and calculated values is very good and supports the above conclusions concerning the changes one might expect when methylating such ethers.

**Vibrational Spectra.** Figure 4 shows the low-temperature Raman spectrum of solid  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{OCF}_3^+\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{11}^-$ . The observed frequencies and their assignments in point group  $C_s$  are summarized in Table 4. The assignments were made by a comparison with the frequencies and Raman intensities calculated for the free  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{OCF}_3^+$  cation at the B3LYP/6-311++G(2p,2d) level of theory. The agreement between the observed and calculated values is good and the assignments, derived from the calculated potential energy distribution, do not require any further discussion. The remaining bands due to the  $\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{11}^-$  anion are in good agreement with those of other  $\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{11}^-$  salts.<sup>26</sup>

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**Supporting Information Available.** Listings of crystal data and structure refinement parameters (Table S1), atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Table S2), all bond lengths and angles (Table S3), anisotropic thermal parameters (Table S4), and hydrogen coordinates and isotropic displacement parameters (Table 5). This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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**Figure Captions**

**Figure 1.** Structure and numbering scheme of  $(CH_3)_2OCF_3^+Sb_2F_{11}^-$ . The displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50 % probability level.

**Figure 2.** Packing diagram and fluorine bridging in  $(CH_3)_2OCF_3^+Sb_2F_{11}^-$ .

**Figure 3.** Calculated structure of the free gaseous  $(CH_3)_2OCF_3^+Sb_2F_{11}^-$  cation showing the eclipsed nature of the fluorine and hydrogen ligands.

**Figure 4.** Low-temperature Raman spectrum of  $(CH_3)_2OCF_3^+Sb_2F_{11}^-$

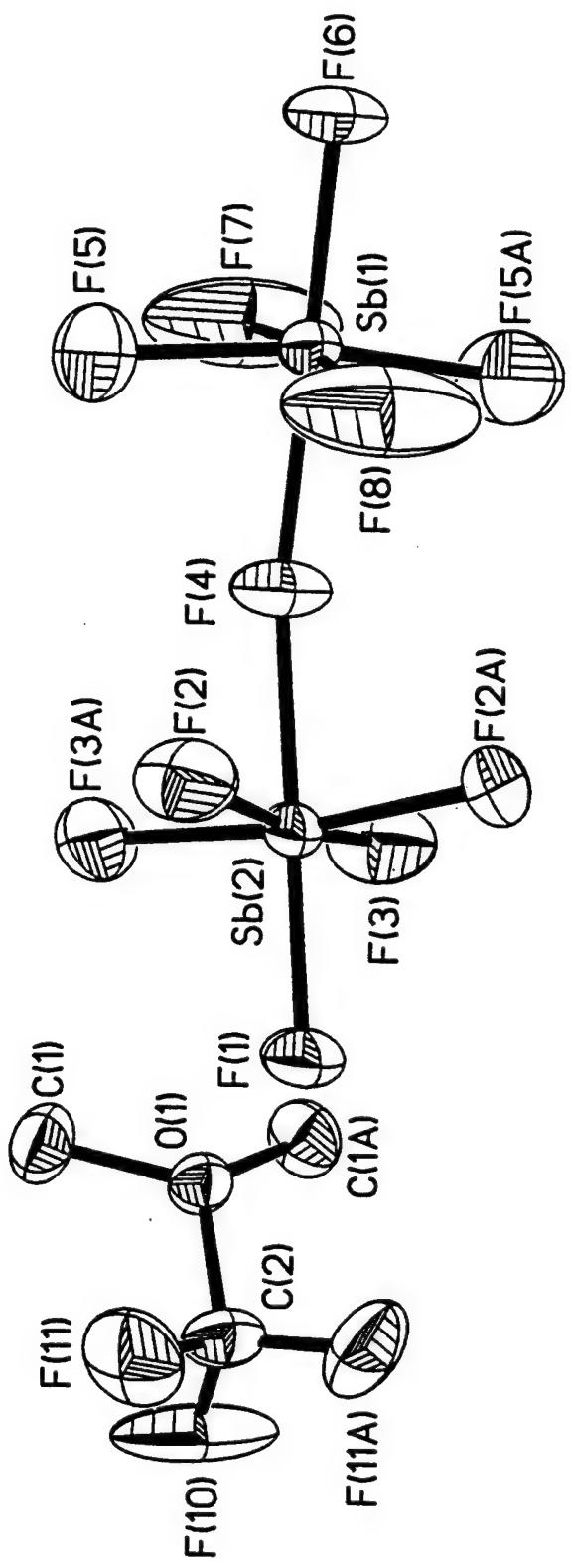


FIGURE 1

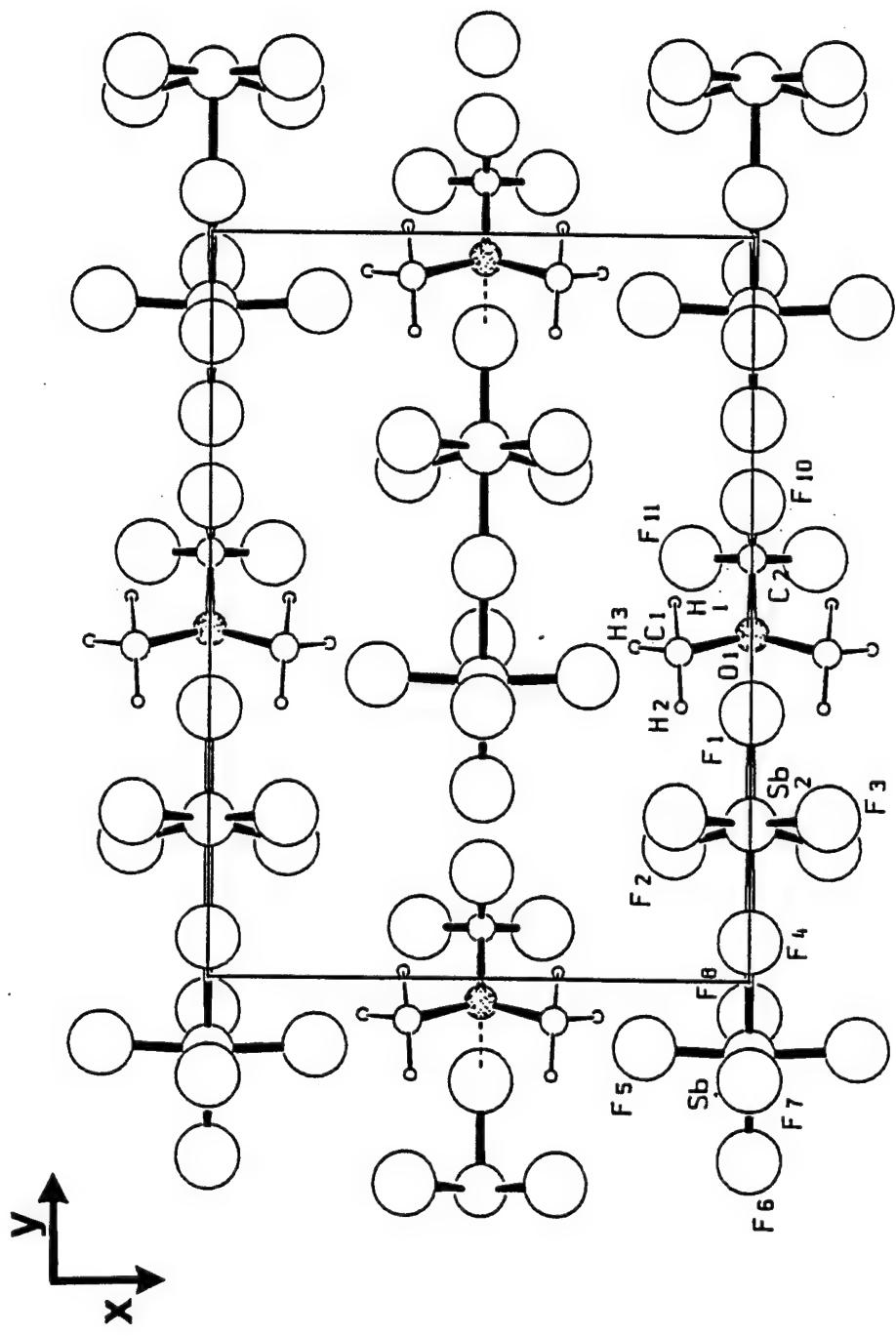


FIGURE 2

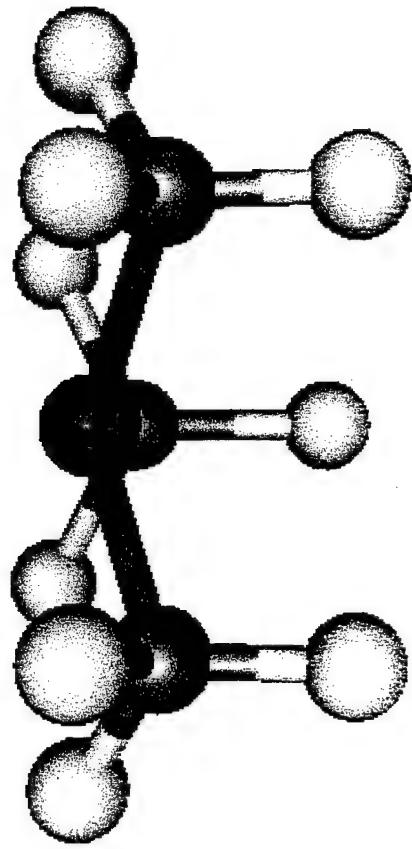


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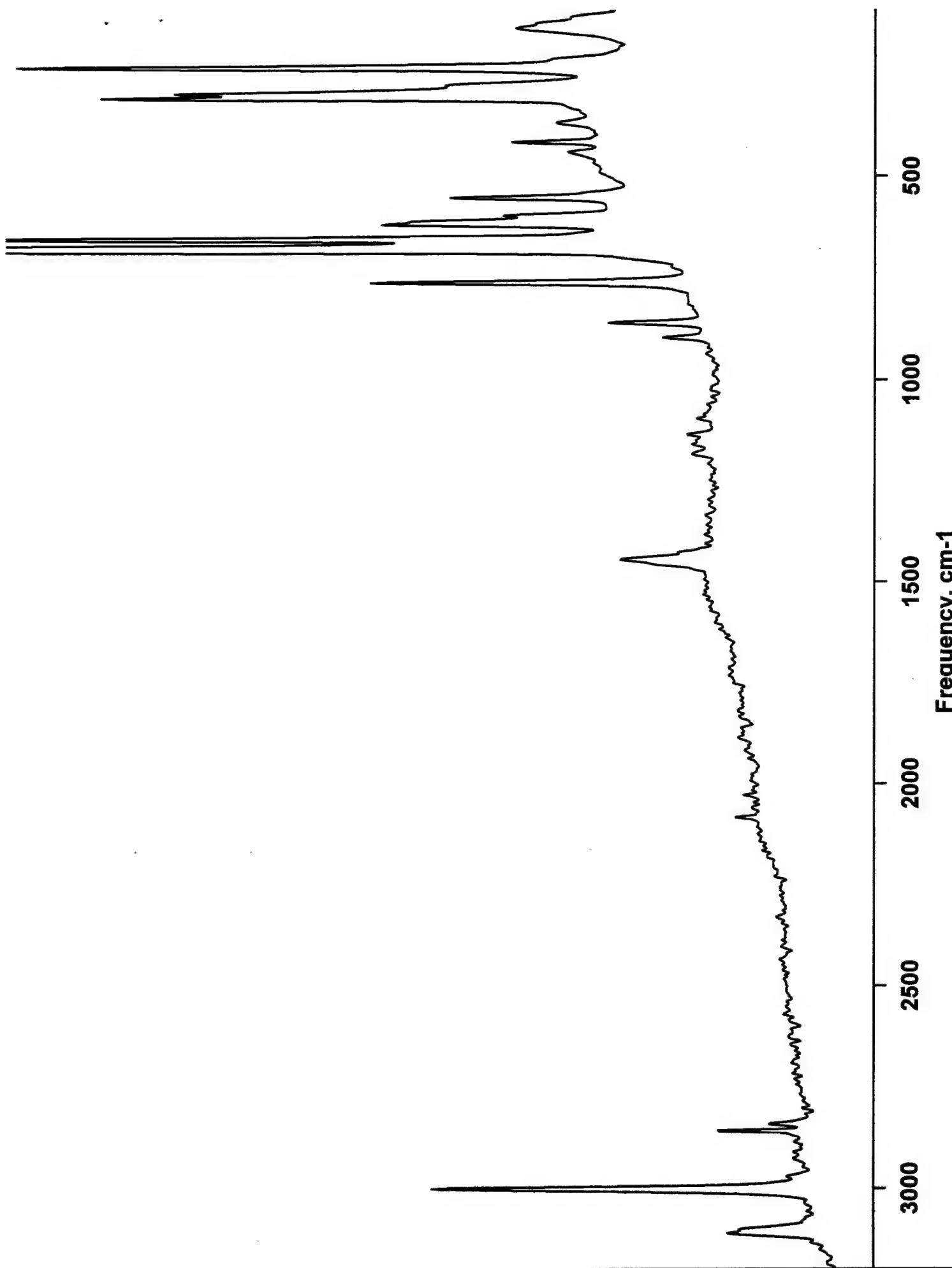


Table 1. Crystal Data for  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{OCF}_3^+\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{11}^-$ .

formula	$\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{F}_{14}\text{OSb}_2$
fw	567.58
space group	$\text{Cmc}2_1$
a, Å	9.293(6)
b, Å	12.456(7)
c, Å	11.548(8)
V, Å <sup>3</sup>	1336(1)
d <sub>calcd</sub> , g cm <sup>-1</sup>	2.820
Z	4
diffractometer	NONIUS CAD4
scan type	$\omega$ -2 $\Theta$
$\mu$ , mm <sup>-1</sup>	4.199
temp, °C	-125
R (all data)	0.023
R <sub>w</sub> (all data)	0.063

Table 2. Selected Bond Lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and Angles ( $^\circ$ ) for  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{OCF}_3^+\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{11}^-$ .

	Obsd	calcd
C(1)-O	1.508(8)	1.511
C(2)-O	1.448(9)	1.484
C(2)-F(10)	1.256(14)	1.312
C(2)-F(11)	1.292(9)	1.303
C(3)-H(6)		1.085
C(3)-H(10)		1.082
C(3)-H(11)		1.083
Sb(1)-F(4)	2.033(5)	
Sb(2)-F(4)	2.027(5)	
C(1)-O-C(1a)	112.6(7)	113.7
C(1)-O-C(2)	115.6(4)	114.8
Sb(1)-F(4)-Sb(2)	150.7(4)	

Table 3. Observed (and Calculated)<sup>a</sup> NMR Parameters for the Oxonium Salts  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{OCF}_3^+$ ,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{OCF}(\text{CF}_3)_2^+$ , and  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{O}^+$  and their Parent Ethers

Compound	chemical shift,							coupling constant, Hz	
	ppm								
	$\delta^{1}\text{H}$	$\delta^{13}\text{CH}_3$	$\delta^{13}\text{CF}_3$	$\delta^{13}\text{CF}$	$\delta^{19}\text{C}_3$	$\delta^{19}\text{F}$	$^{1}\text{J}^{13}\text{C}^{19}\text{F}_3$		
$\text{CH}_3\text{OCF}_3^{\text{b}}$	3.47 (3.7)	53.7q (56.3)	123.7q (132.6)		-65.6		252.3	4.03	
$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{OCF}_3^{\text{+b,c}}$		80.2q (81.0)	120.7q (132.8)		-66.9 (-67.9)		287.0	2.4	
$\text{CH}_3\text{OCF}(\text{CF}_3)_2^{\text{b}}$	3.13	52.5s	119.0q	102.4d	-81.0	-146.8	287.9	248.0	
$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{OCF}(\text{CF}_3)_2^{\text{+b,c}}$	3.79	83.9	115.8q,d	106.2d sept	-76.1	-131.1	291.5	280.5	
$\text{CH}_3\text{OCH}_3^{\text{d}}$	3.24 (3.2)	59.4s (62.9)							
$(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{O}^{\text{+d}}$	4.58 (4.4)	79.3s (82.2)							

<sup>a</sup> Calculated at the MP2/6-311++G(2d,p) level using the B3LYP geometries. <sup>b</sup>Values from this study recorded at -30 °C in HF solution. <sup>c</sup>Signals due to  $\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{11}^-$  and  $\text{SbF}_6^-$  were observed in the  $^{19}\text{F}$  spectra at -93.1, -124.5, and -141.2 ppm with area ratios of 1:8:2 and at -124.5 ppm, respectively. The HF signal was observed at about -185 ppm. <sup>d</sup> Values from Olah, G. A.; Doggweiler, H.; Felberg, J. D.; Frohlich, S. *J. Org. Chem.* **1985**, *50*, 4847 and Olah, G. A.; DeMember, J. R. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1970**, *92*, 2562.

Table 4. Low Temperature Raman Spectrum of  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{OCF}_3^+\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{11}^-$  and its Assignments Based on the Frequencies and Intensities Calculated at the B3LYP Level for the Free Gaseous Cation in Point Group  $\text{C}_s$ .

approx mode description <sup>a</sup>	freq, cm <sup>-1</sup>	[Ra int] <sup>b</sup> calcd (B3LYP) free $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{OCF}_3^+$	(IR int) <sup>c</sup>	obsd $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{OCF}_3^+\text{Sb}_2\text{F}_{11}^-$
$\nu_1(\text{A}')$ $\nu_{\text{as}}$ $\text{CH}_2$ in phase	3229	[38.7]	(8.0)	3110[3]
$\nu_{19}(\text{A}''')$ $\nu_{\text{as}}$ $\text{CH}_2$ out of phase	3227	[21.2]	(3.7)	
$\nu_2(\text{A}')$ $\nu_{\text{as}}$ $\text{CH}_2'$ in phase	3212	[52.2]	(3.9)	3100[2]
$\nu_{20}(\text{A}''')$ $\nu_{\text{as}}$ $\text{CH}_2'$ out of phase	3210	[4.2]	(.45)	
$\nu_3(\text{A}')$ $\nu_{\text{sym}}$ $\text{CH}_3$ in phase	3099	[199.6]	(.44)	3002[9]
$\nu_{21}(\text{A}''')$ $\nu_{\text{sym}}$ $\text{CH}_3$ out of phase	3096	[.05]	(.45)	
Combinat. bands				2859[1] 2841[0+]
$\nu_4(\text{A}')$ $\delta_{\text{sym}}$ $\text{CH}_3$ in phase	1498	[.98]	(58.7)	1444[2]
$\nu_5(\text{A}')$ $\delta_{\text{sciss}}$ $\text{CH}_2$ ' in phase	1491	[4.5]	(19.7)	
$\nu_6(\text{A}')$ $\delta_{\text{sciss}}$ $\text{CH}_2'$ in phase	1484	[2.5]	(.76)	
$\nu_{22}(\text{A}''')$ $\delta_{\text{sciss}}$ $\text{CH}_2$ out of phase	1479	[7.6]	(.18)	
$\nu_{23}(\text{A}''')$ $\delta_{\text{sciss}}$ $\text{CH}_2'$ out of phase	1472	[.17]	(13.3)	
$\nu_{24}(\text{A}''')$ $\delta_{\text{sym}}$ $\text{CH}_3$ out of phase	1451	[.42]	(2.6)	{
$\nu_{25}(\text{A}''')$ $\nu_{\text{as}}$ $\text{CF}_3$	1347	[.75]	(325.9)	
$\nu_7(\text{A}')$ $\nu_{\text{as}}$ $\text{CF}_3$	1294	[.81]	(312.0)	
$\nu_8(\text{A}')$ $\delta_{\text{wag}}$ $\text{CH}_3$ in phase	1253	[.98]	(30.6)	
$\nu_9(\text{A}')$ $\delta_{\text{rock}}$ $\text{CH}_3$ in phase	1188	[.97]	(1.2)	
$\nu_{26}(\text{A}''')$ $\delta_{\text{wag}}$ $\text{CH}_3$ out of phase	1161	[.78]	(.71)	
$\nu_{27}(\text{A}''')$ $\delta_{\text{rock}}$ $\text{CH}_3$ out of phase	1133	[1.2]	(1.4)	
$\nu_{10}(\text{A}')$ $\nu_{\text{sym}}$ $\text{CF}_3$	1042	[.47]	(275.3)	
$\nu_{28}(\text{A}''')$ $\nu_{\text{as}}$ $\text{OC}_2(\text{H})$	899	[1.4]	(85.1)	
$\nu_{11}(\text{A}')$ $\nu_{\text{O-CF}_3}$	806	[5.8]	(224.5)	
$\nu_{12}(\text{A}')$ $\nu_{\text{sym}}$ $\text{OC}_2(\text{H})$	756	[8.6]	(55.7)	
Sb-F stretching				
$\nu_{13}(\text{A}')$ $\delta_{\text{as}}$ $\text{CF}_3$	607	[1.1]	(5.3)	676[100]
$\nu_{29}(\text{A}''')$ $\delta_{\text{as}}$ $\text{CF}_3$	583	[1.9]	(4.1)	652[24]
$\nu_{14}(\text{A}')$ $\delta_{\text{sym}}$ $\text{CF}_3$	536	[5.5]	(3.4)	616[5]
$\nu_{15}(\text{A}')$ $\delta_{\text{rock}}$ $\text{CF}_3$	427	[.97]	(2.3)	610[2]
$\nu_{30}(\text{A}''')$ $\delta_{\text{as}}$ $\text{OCF}_2$	402	[1.4]	(15.8)	594[2]
$\nu_{16}(\text{A}')$ $\delta_{\text{sym}}$ $\text{C}_3\text{O}$	348	[1.1]	(1.1)	551[4]
Sb-F deformations				{
$\nu_{31}(\text{A}''')$ $\delta_{\text{as}}$ $\text{C}_3\text{O}$	274	[.001]	(.45)	438[0+]
$\nu_{17}(\text{A}')$ $\delta$ $\text{C}_3\text{O}$ out of phase	215	[.30]	(5.8)	415[2]
$\nu_{18}(\text{A}')$ $\tau$ $\text{CH}_3$ in phase	157	[.10]	(.22)	367[1]
$\nu_{32}(\text{A}''')$ $\tau$ $\text{CH}_3$ out of phase	133	[.08]	(.27)	306[12]
$\nu_{33}(\text{A}''')$ $\tau$ $\text{CF}_3$	56	[.23]	(.44)	294[10]
				276[1]

<sup>a</sup>Mode description is based on the potential energy distribution

<sup>b</sup>Calculated Raman intensities in  $\text{\AA}^4/\text{amu}$ .

<sup>c</sup>IR intensities in  $\text{km/mol}$